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AUTOMATIC PISTOL

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND REQUEST FOR  
RECONSIDERATION**

SIR:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed January 15, 2003, the time for  
response extending to April 15, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of  
the existing rejection in view of Applicant's remarks below.